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Russian Poultry Imports

After reaching \$2.5 billion as recently as 1997, Russian imports of poultry, pork, and beef slipped to \$1 billion in 2000. With total domestic production of poultry, pork, and beef down by 58 percent over the 1990's, Russia had to turn to international markets to meet its domestic consumption needs, albeit sharply reduced due to economic distress. Although U.S. exports of poultry, pork, and beef also fell, the United States expanded its share of the total Russian meat and poultry market from 30.5 percent in 1997 to 33.1 percent in 2000, according to Russian import statistics. Going into 2001, the spread of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in Europe and the emergence of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) in several key supplying countries have dealt a one-two punch to reliable supplies and flows of pork and beef to Russia. However, poultry imports, dominated by U.S. suppliers, are expected to continue at the million-ton level.

Poultry consumption in Russia has nearly escaped the drastic reductions seen in beef and pork consumption. Although Russian poultry production is forecast to increase by 3 percent to 0.7 million tons in 2001, recent production gains have not kept pace with demand. Total Russian imports of poultry are projected to grow by 5 percent to again surpass 1 million tons in 2001. The United States supplies much of Russia's poultry and products, and captured 72 percent of Russian poultry imports in 2000. U.S. exports in 2000 reached 643,000 tons and \$326 million, virtually doubling U.S. 1999 exports.

On March 26, 2001, Russia placed an import ban on all EU poultry, meat, and livestock due to FMD. Although Russia on April 20 modified the ban to allow poultry from all EU members, U.S. producers are still well positioned to provide the leg quarters and drumsticks so favored by Russian consumers. Supplies from the EU have not exceeded 36 percent of imports since the early 1990's. Although Russia's import dependency remains at 60 percent of consumption, problems in commercial credit, feed delivery, and product processing continue to thwart efforts to rebuild the domestic poultry industry. For January-February 2001, U.S. poultry meat exports surged to \$73 million, well above the \$45 million in sales placed for the same period last year.

With the current Russian ban on European livestock and meat in place, a window of opportunity has opened for U.S. poultry exporters, especially since U.S. product is the most competitively priced source of animal protein on the Russian market.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Frozen Poultry to Middle East Countries Under the Export Enhancement Program

Exporter	Award	Bonus	For Delivery	Announced
Tyson	550MT	\$600	04/24-07/01	Apr 24

Middle East Countries' remaining EEP balance: 11,646 MT.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Japan Lifts Import Suspension of Pork From Four EU Countries

Effective April 25, Japan terminated the import suspension of pork and pork products from four EU member countries: Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Austria. The news reportedly brought some relief to Japanese ham and sausage manufacturers, whose raw material frozen pork supplies are particularly dependent on Danish imports. Denmark supplied as much as 46 percent of Japan's total frozen pork imports in 2000.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Mexico Extends Duty-Free Quotas for U.S. Poultry

The Secretariat of Economy (SE) in agreement with the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA) announced in the "Diario Oficial" (Federal Register) that they had extended duty-free quotas of U.S. mechanically deboned poultry meat (MDM) and turkey cuts under NAFTA.

According to the USAPEEC Mexico Director, Jose Luis Cruz, SE began awarding the certificates, or cupos, to 55 eligible meat processors the week prior to the announcement. These cupos will be valid for the April-June period. Therefore imports must be completed by June 30. The quota extension is equal to the amount allocated during the first half of 2000.

	Original NAFTA TRQ for 2001	Additional Duty Free Amount
Items in metric tons		
MDM	33,206.5	35,000
Turkey Cuts	34,436.4	17,000
Total	67,642.9	52,000

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

JAPANESE FROZEN BROILER IMPORTS (IN TONS)

	United States	China	Brazil	Thailand	Total
Month					
1999					
September	9,817	12,964	8,796	11,248	42,825
October	9,432	15,472	9,938	11,862	46,704
November	10,681	17,410	11,190	12,332	51,613
December	6,844	17,725	11,410	10,907	46,886
Year to Date	104,726	196,983	99,219	130,574	531,502
2000					
September	6,306	14,973	9,969	9,758	41,006
October	7,313	18,602	8,936	12,270	47,121
November	7,664	20,255	6,908	10,750	45,577
December	7,097	20,907	8,786	10,863	47,653
Year to Date	87,322	220,245	112,933	127,969	548,469

Source: ALIC Monthly statistics

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade
U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Apr 28, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	243	153	3,576	1,864
Frozen	0	0	0	40
Dried	0	0	22	112
Total	243	153	3,598	2,016

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Apr 28, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	56	38	1,572	2,035
Frozen	57	1	563	185
Dried	23	40	226	523
Total	136	79	2,361	2,743

Inspected Shell Eggs
U.S Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending Apr 28, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Jumbo	0	6	87	312
Extra Large	720	700	10,116	9,953
Large	2,290	3,698	32,175	45,735
Medium	1,080	330	13,348	11,388
Ungraded	6,720	4,560	72,584	46,920
Misc	3,041	780	15,328	5,310
Total	13,851	10,074	143,638	119,618

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Pltry Development Div.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 28-Apr-01
 (PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,791	1,396	3,187
LAST WEEK	1,706	1,410	3,116
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,036	1,424	3,460
TO-DATE/2001	31,505	22,411	53,916
TO-DATE/2000	34,626	23,306	57,932

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	410	23	433
LAST WEEK	417	13	430
SAME WEEK YR AGO	411	0	411
TO-DATE/2001	8,531	143	8,674
TO-DATE/2000	8,930	50	8,980

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED
IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,201	1,419	3,620
LAST WEEK	2,123	1,423	3,546
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,447	1,424	3,871
TO-DATE/2001	40,036	22,554	62,590
TO-DATE/2000	43,556	23,356	66,912

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

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CHICKEN 04-MAY-2001
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	19.00	15.00-16.00	162,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	15.67		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.00-18.00	11.00-14.00	2,221,600	440,800
WTD AVERAGE	17.50	12.37		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

CHICKEN 04-MAY-2001
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	21.00	-	200,000	200,000
WTD AVERAGE	21.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00-21.00	16.00-19.00	1,176,000	416,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.54	17.67		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.25-20.00	11.00-15.00	2,278,400	976,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.61	12.64		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 4 MAY 2001.

Trade sentiment steady to instances weak on fresh tom breast meat, however, instances of increased seller confidence were starting to be noted, especially in the East. Demand light with slight increases in buyer inquiry noted. Offerings adequate to instances burdensome with product the most available out of the Midwest. Some industry members in the East are starting to watch for possible ramifications of the continued heat wave on bird weights. Domestic trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of fresh tom breast meat, balance light. Part loads of defatted gizzards traded at 50 cents delivered. Export trading centered on light volumes of tom drums and frozen thigh meat. Export inquiry was light from Asia Mexico and Russia. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings were held with varying degrees confidence. Sales of tom 2-joint wings were at higher prices while others report offers at 30 cents delivered with no interest.

FRIDAY, MAY 04, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00-31.50		30.44	352	29.51	856
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	40.00	52		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	27.00		27.00	120	27.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	18.00		18.00	80	18.42	424
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00-72.00		70.37	328	69.05	608

THURSDAY, MAY 03, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00		28.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	40.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	29.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		T	19.50	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	68.50	200

WEDNESDAY, MAY 02, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.50		28.50	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	40.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	29.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		T	19.50	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	68.50		68.50	200

TUESDAY, MAY 01, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	29.03	384
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	40.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	29.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	19.50		19.50	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	65.00	80

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00-30.00		29.03	384
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	40.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	29.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	18.00		18.00	224
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00		65.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY 2/
Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.